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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REFERENCED

TELEGRAM, WACASC IS NO LONGER THE SUPPLY SOURCE FOR GSA OR WRSC CATALOG SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. EFFECTIVE JULY 1/75 NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY WACASC FOR THESE ITEMS. ANY REQUISITIONS RECEIVED CONTAINING THESE ITEMS WILL BE REJECTED AND POSTS ADVISED TO PLACE ORDERS DIRECT WITH EITHER GSA OR WRSC AS APPROPRIATE.

2. WACASC STOCK OF GSA/WRSC ITEMS CURRENTLY ON HAND AND ON ORDER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO WACASC DESIGNATED SERVICED POSTS ONLY, ON A NO COST BASIS. EVEN THOUGH A POST HAS UTILIZED WACASC AS A SUPPLY SOURCE FOR ITS OWN CONVENIENCE, IF IT HAS NOT BEEN DESIGNATED AS A POST WHICH MUST UTILIZE WACASC AS A MANDATORY SUPPLY SOURCE, IT WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF STOCK. STOCK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON PAST ORDERING STATISTICS OF THE POSTS. ALL STOCK WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND POSTS WILL BE FURNISHED A COPY OF THE ITEMS WHICH WILL BE SHIPPED TO THEM OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. ALLOCATION OF STOCKS WILL BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1975, EVEN THOUGH ACTUAL SHIPMENT OF ALL THE STOCK MAY NOT BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR.

3. (WACASC REDUCED ITS ORDERING OF MANY ITEMS AND STOPPED STOCK REPLENISHMENT ACTION COMPLETELY ON MARCH 30, 1975, FOR ALL GSA/WRSC CATALOG ITEMS.) HEAVY YEAR END PURCHASING HAS DEPLETED OR GREATLY REDUCED STOCK ON HAND AND AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION.

4. WACASC STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL FORMERLY SERVICED POSTS IMMEDIATELY PREPARE AND SUBMIT THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL REQUISITIONS TO BOTH WRSC ANSA TO FILL THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

ADJUSTMENTS ON ORDERING CAN BE MADE BY EACH POSTS DURING THEIR SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL ORDER AFTER THEY RECEIVE NOTICE FROM WACASC ON ITEMS BEING SHIPPED FROM THE SUPPLY CENTER.

5. WACASC WILL CONTINUE TO STOCK MEDICAL SUPPLIES, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AS WELL AS ITS LINE OF APPLIANCES AND AIRCONDITIONERS. TIRES AND TUBES, AS WELL AS SOME OFFICE MACHINES WILL ALSO BE MAINTAINED. A LISTING OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE STOCKED WILL BE MAILED TO EACH POST BEFORE JULY 20, 1975.

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YM AS A REMINDER, PACKING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE STOCKED. POSTS WHO RELY ON IMPORTED PACKING MATERIALS FOR SHIPMENT OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS SHOULD DEFINITELY INCLUDE THIS ITEM ON THEIR FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL ORDER. AFTER OBTAINING AN INITIAL SUPPLY, POSTS COULD THEN KEEP AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY AVAILABLE BY ORDERING DIRECT FROM GSA CITING THE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION FUNDS AS THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN DOING THROUGH WACASC.

7. LOCAL PURCHASING THROUGH WACASC IS DISCOURAGED. WACASC SWITCHED ALMOST ALL OF ITS ORDERS FOR ITEMS FORMERLY OBTAINED ON THE LAGOS MARKET TO U.S. SUPPLIERS. MOST ITEMS, SUCH AS STENCILS, DUPLICATING INK, THERMO COPY PAPER, ETC., ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND NOT READILY AVAILABLE. IF AVAILABLE, THE PRICE IS USUALLY 300 PERCENT OR MORE HIGHER THAN CAN BE OBTAINED FROM U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPLIERS. THIRD COUNTRY PROCURENT THROUGH WACASC IS NOT TO BE COUNTED ON AS A SOLUTION FOR POSTS WHO FAIL TO SUBMIT THEIR ORDERS PROMPTLY OR MISCALCULATE THEIR NEEDS. ALL POSTS SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE LENTHY LEADE TIMES INVOLVED. ITEMS READILY AVAILABLE FROM GSA OR WRSC TAKE FROM FOUR TO SIX MONTHS TO REACH WACASC WITH ANOTHER MONTH NEEDED TO SHIP THEM ON TO THE ORDERING POST. IF EITHER GSA OR WRSC ARE OUT OF STOCK, LEAD TIMES CAN QUICKLY STRETCH INTO ONE YEAR.

8. WHEN SHIPPING GOODS, THE WORD IS CONTAINERIZE. WACASC CANNOT ENSURE THE SAFTY OF EXPORT PACKED CARGO TRANSITING LAGOS PORT FACILITIES. THIS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL COMMUNICA- TIONS AND BEARS REPEATING. CONTAINERIZATION IS SAFER AND ONLY REQUIRES DOMESTIC PACKING IN THESE TIMES OF TIGHT FUNDING, (IT SAVES MONEY). THE LAGOS POST IS HEAVILY CONGRSTED WITH OVER 187 SHIPS STANDING BY FOR PIER SPACE. THE CONFERENCE LINES WHICH CARRY OUR CONTAINERS HAVE PRIORITY BERTHING. CUSTOMS WAREHOUSES ARE IN TURMOIL AND ANYTHING ARRIVING HERE UNCONTAINERIZED EASILY DISAPPEARS. IN FACT, EVEN TWENTY FOOT CONTAINERS ARE HARD TO FIND AMONG THE THOUSAND ON THE PIER AND IN THE CONTAINER YARD. IF POSTS EXPORT PACK AND HAVE THE CARGO SHIPPED OUTSIDE OF THE CONTAINERS, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCF LOSING IT. WACASC DOES ITS UTMOST TO LOCATE AND CLEARDPMENTS BUT THE CONDITIONS AT THE PORT MAKE THIS ONLY ABOUT 98 PERCENT EFFECTIVE. WACASC DOESNT WANT ANY POST TO BE AMONG THE TWO PERCENT WHO LOSE

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THEIR CARGO. THUS POSTS ARE REMINDED TO HAVE ALL REPEAT ALL SHIPMENTS SENT TO THE U.S. DESPATCH AGENT FOR CONTAINERIZATION SUTING WACASC.

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